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Robert Oglesby, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Additional Funding for CEC Contract 400-09-016

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

I am writing today to request the CEC to transfer all available ARRA funds over to CEC Contract 400-09-016, for the CHF Home Energy Retrofit program. I understand that when transferred, these funds are considered "immediately spent" as it relates to the Department of Energy requirements, and as such these funds will stay here in California and continue to stimulate our economy, provide much needed jobs, and reduce energy consumption.

Our company is one of many contractors throughout the state that have found the CHF "MIST" program to be a highly effective loan and grant program that does exactly what it was designed to do. It allows home owners to make much needed Home Energy Makeovers to their homes, providing them with more comfortable, energy efficient and healthy homes while reducing their energy bills in a way that balances well against their loan payments. There is no program that I am aware of that is nearly as effective as this program. The delight expressed by participating homeowners is exciting and should be offered to others.

Because of this program, we have hired and two additional employees specifically to support this segment of our business, and have plans to employ more upon confirmation of successful, long-term funding.

If the CHF MIST program **does not receive more funds**, the program will stop or slow significantly, jobs will be lost and energy efficiency improvement programs will **lose the necessary momentum already gained** in the community.

I encourage you to carefully evaluate the success of this program and proceed with transferring as many of your unutilized or less optimally used ARRA funds as quickly as possible to assure that this prototype program continues to grow and lead the way for Home Performance Programs across the state and eventually across the nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Borba
President
Straight Line Roofing & Construction